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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of September 26, 2002.

The claims have been amended herein using the rewritten claims format. The present amendment also includes a section entitled "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**" attached hereto.

In the Claims:

Please enter amended Claims 1, 5, 12-13, 17, 19-21, 31, 45, 51, and 63-64 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of processing a signal representing information coded according to a code selected from a set of codes, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the signal at a first station;

decoding the received signal according to respective codes of the set of codes to generate respective likelihood metrics associated with respective codes of the set of codes;

selecting a code from the set of codes based on the respective likelihood metrics, wherein the selection of the code from the set of codes is biased based on a communication between the first station and a second station that transmitted the signal that occurred prior to reception of the signal at the first station; and

decoding the received signal according to the selected code to generate an estimate of the information.

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